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■ **MUSIC**

Platinum present for Pinestone

International celebrities,
the Jonas Brothers, give
resort very special thanks

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

When Nick Jonas, the youngest member of the famous Jonas Brothers trio turned 17, he got a small envelope from his parents as his gift. Inside the envelope was a sentimental and well thought out present.

His parents had written him a note explaining that they had tracked down the piano he wrote the song, "A Little Bit Longer" on, and were presenting it to him for his birthday. The piano had been located in Haliburton at the Pinestone Resort.

"The brothers came and stayed at the resort back in 2007 to film the Disney movie *Camp Rock*," says Pinestone manager Cynthia Romanyk. "While they were here, Nick practised on our piano every day and came up with a hit song."

The group had a chance to enjoy the area once again when they returned this September to film the sequel to *Camp Rock*.

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Cynthia Romanyk, manager at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, holds up the platinum award given to the resort by the world-famous group The Jonas Brothers. The piano, pictured, which originally belonged to the resort, was given to youngest trio member Nick Jonas for his 17th birthday. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

■ **ELECTRICITY**

Hydro bills way too expensive: residents

JENN WATT

Editor

Celeste Lohrbach thought her hydro meter must have been broken.

In October, the Winona Lake cottager got a bill from Hydro One for \$3,145 on top of her quarterly payments, by far more money than she paid at her fulltime city home.

According to the company, she was using more than 24,000 kilowatts of power a year at her cottage near Loon Lake – five times what she used in 2004.

"They're saying I've used this electricity and therefore I owe them the money. When you add it all up it comes to \$5,000 for the year from last October to this October," Lohrbach said in an interview.

"I have a house here in Woodbridge, I have two apartments and it's a large house. The cottage is only 1,900 square feet and I don't use this kind of hydro. I use around \$150 a month in Woodbridge, so it's like, what's going on here?" she said.

She wonders if it has something to do with the new smart meter that was installed in July.

Lohrbach called Hydro One many times and insisted that her meter be tested for

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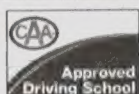
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Haliburton meets Bowen Island

File this under "It's a small world": Earlier this month, former editor Martha Perkins got on the water taxi in Bowen Island, only to find herself sitting beside two former Haliburtonians.

Bronwen and Megan Winsley, who grew up in Haliburton and whose parents still live in the village, had come to the island for a day of hiking and sightseeing. It was fun to be talking about their former home town in a setting that they described as "Haliburton on steroids" – an ocean instead of lakes and mountains in place of hills.



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NEW BEGINNINGS

Echo welcomes Terrance Gavan

The Haliburton Echo is pleased to welcome reporter Terrance Gavan into the fold. Gavan started at the paper Monday and will be covering county news for both the Echo and the Minden Times. Readers will be familiar with Gavan's work as he has been freelancing for both papers over the past couple of months.

Gavan is a familiar face in the Highlands and is well-known for his sports reporting and lyrical writing style.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Manitoba, and worked in Winnipeg at Interlake Publishing – reporting for the Interlake Spectator, Stonewall Argus, Selkirk Journal and Selkirk



Reporter Terrance Gavan started at the Echo this week.

Enterprise. He then went on to work at the Kanata Courier and Kanata Standard.

Gavan is also an accomplished ski instructor, most recently teaching at Sir Sam's Ski Area.

We are sure our readers will join us in welcoming Terrance Gavan as a fulltime member of the Echo and Times team!

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December 3, 2009

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- Write reviews at the library
- Santa Claus parade pics
- Cards scores, bowling scores

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INTERNATIONAL ART Local artist sets sights on world

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Bill Wilson does not like promoting his own work. As a matter of fact, he's terrible at it. Luckily for him, his wife Laura isn't.

So when she asked her husband a couple of months ago if she could submit his work to various art shows throughout North America and he replied no, she did it anyway.

Looking back, he's glad she didn't listen to him.

"Laura has always been one of the biggest supporters of my work," says Wilson. "If it wasn't for her I wouldn't have gotten to where I am today."

Before Wilson got to where he is today, however, he took a very interesting path

to becoming a recognizable and emerging artist in the village of Haliburton.

"I always had an artistic side to me," says Wilson "but I was a drywaller for many years. Then in the late '80s I had the misfortune of being in two separate car accidents, both times being struck by drunk drivers. That put an end to my drywalling career."

It was back to the drawing board for Wilson, literally, as he tried his hand at the art thing once more.

"I won a logo contest for the Mississauga Ice Dogs," says Wilson. "It made me realize that art is what I like to do and I could no longer do physical labour so I wanted to retrain myself and hone my skills."

Shortly after, Wilson enrolled at Georgian College, where he received a diploma in fine arts. He began dabbling

in landscape and portrait art before he realized he preferred non-traditional tools, materials and methods in the creation of his now-signature abstract pieces.

"What I do now is more like a mixed media," says Wilson. "I create oil on canvas or I mix oil and acrylics on canvas."

There are a number of reasons why Wilson prefers abstract work to realism, primarily because he doesn't find it restricting.

"When you're doing landscapes," explains Wilson, "the better you get at it the more it starts to look like a photograph, at least to me anyways."

Wilson describes his work as being more of a pure creation. He just hopes those who get to view his art in the upcoming months will feel the same.

Wilson's art has been selected for the Toronto Art Expo, held in March of

2010.

His work has also been accepted by the Agora Gallery, located in Chelsea, New York for *Beyond Borders: Exhibition of Fine Art from Canada*, next October. Both shows, admits Wilson, will help propel his work onto the world stage and he hopes will garner him some attention.

"These shows will have an international audience," says Wilson.

"The New York show puts your work up on their website. I'm hoping there are collectors out there that are looking for pieces that are unique."

Although Wilson's art has been on display before, both in Haliburton and Barrie, the artist says he is happy about the recent recognition.

"I didn't expect to be accepted into either show," says Wilson. "I guess when it rains it pours."



The local artist, Bill Wilson, thrives on creating abstract mixed media pieces that stir both interest and curiosity in the audience.
/Photo by Angelica Blenich

Devolin spent \$80,406 on mail-outs this year

PEGGY ARMSTRONG

Sun Media

If you haven't heard that Lindsay is holding an Olympic Torch Celebration on Dec. 16, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin wants you to know you're invited.

The MP will be mailing a flyer to approximately 50,000 residents in the

riding as soon as possible, a spokesman in his office confirmed to *The Lindsay Post*.

The mailing comes not long after it was revealed that Devolin has spent \$80,406 so far this year on flyers. He ranks eighth in Parliament for spending on mailings. Mailings are part of the House of Commons service, the spokesman said. There is no spending limit and the cost is picked up by taxpayers.

Devolin's spokesman said they don't know the cost of mailing the Olympic torch invitations to residents. He said they were asked by the city's Olympic Torch Celebration committee to do it. "They didn't have the advertising budget," he explained.

In an online *Lindsay Post* poll this month, 95 per cent of respondents said Devolin should not have spent more than \$80,400 on mail out flyers.

The invitation encourages people to join Devolin at the celebration in Lindsay. It includes a reproduction of one of the posters the city has been using to promote the event that says the celebration is scheduled to begin in Lindsay at 10 a.m.

The torch relay will first go through Omemee at 10:30 a.m., which is not mentioned in the invitation or on the poster.

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HIGHLANDS EAST

Council moves forward with strategic plan

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Nov. 24 meeting of Highlands East council.

Councillors of Highlands East met with provincial economic development consultant Judy Coward to readdress a strategic planning project for the municipality. The meeting focused on targeting the major gaps and critical issues that face residents in Highlands East.

Some of these issues include, but are not limited to, a lack of services/activities aimed at attracting tourists or tourism, the ongoing demands for improvements to the roads and lack of employment opportunities in the municipality.

Members of council were asked to vote on the top five threats they believed should receive project prioritization. The items that received the highest number of votes were: the need to market Highlands East and to attract people to the municipality, the need to "bring our communities together" to work together and help support a sense of "community pride," and the need to encourage youth to volunteer in the community.

Council will readdress these priorities at the next strategic planning meeting on Jan. 26 and from there will develop an action plan for the municipality and determine appropriate budgeting required.

Watson's road proposal for solar facility

Andrew Resmer submitted a proposal to the municipality concerning the construction of a small-scale solar facility for a vacant lot on Watson's Road stating he wishes to construct a ground-mounted solar facility, consisting of five separate solar arrays or panels.

The purpose of the installation is to generate electricity that will be fed back into the grid.

According to Resmer's presentation to the council, the Ontario Power Authority's website outlines that if you are a homeowner, farmer or small business owner, or if you manage an institution such as a school or place of worship, you have the opportunity to develop a very small or "micro" renewable electricity generation project, of 10 kilowatts (kW) or less in size, on your property. You will then be paid for all the electricity you produce through the microFIT program.

A review was completed and submitted to council regarding the proposal on behalf of Meridian Planning Consultants.

The review concluded with the recognition that the municipality of Highlands East has no legislative authority to control or regulate renewable energy projects, including the proposed solar facility.

The planner has also suggested that the Council invite Resmer to an upcoming municipal meeting to discuss his proposal and provide additional information. Council agreed to this suggestion.

No new trucks for Tory Hill fire hall

Bill Wingrove approached council about the need for a pumper truck at the Tory Hill fire hall.

Members of council argued that the municipality already has a sufficient number of fire trucks and that it would be more beneficial if the current vehicles were shuffled around to meet the appropriate needs in the various communities.



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FROM JIM FROST

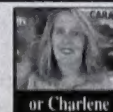
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FLEMING COLLEGE

Arty Party goes tropical

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Arts council chair, Barry Hayward, joins in on the festivities with pineapple in hand.

A student at Fleming College provides entertainment for the tropical festivities.

See more photos of the party by Angelica Blenich online: www.haliburtonecho.ca.





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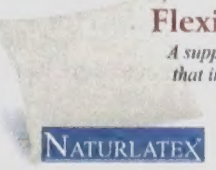
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Closures give time to regroup

IT CAN BE disconcerting to watch upstart businesses and institutions take a run at making good in the Highlands only to be squashed by lack of interest, funding or will. The past couple of weeks have seen a lot of folding.

First we heard rumblings that Minden's Junior A hockey team, the RiverKings, was on death watch, then the next week the Beaver Theatre just across the river closes for the winter.

On the east side of the county, the Wigamog Inn Resort took a similar approach, closing down for the winter months.

After months of waiting on municipal board hearings, many who reserved spots in the Watercolours Condo development pulled out, causing that organization to regroup for a relaunch in the spring.

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editorial

jenn watt

On a county level, Trails and Tours, which has been organizing and promoting healthy activity on trails from Dorset to Cardiff is dismantled, just months after its board was taken over by county council.

The cascade of shutdowns is nerve-racking.

All of these closures signify people losing their jobs or being laid off. When people don't come to the Highlands for one business, other businesses feel the vacuum it creates.

Closing is not at face value a good thing.

But perhaps instead of looking at these events as bad omens, we should look at them as part of a community regeneration process.

Take a page from the Beaver Theatre and call it a hibernation, because in many cases, that is all it has to be. And come spring, after a long, restful sleep, many of these businesses will awake with energy and clarity to give it another go.

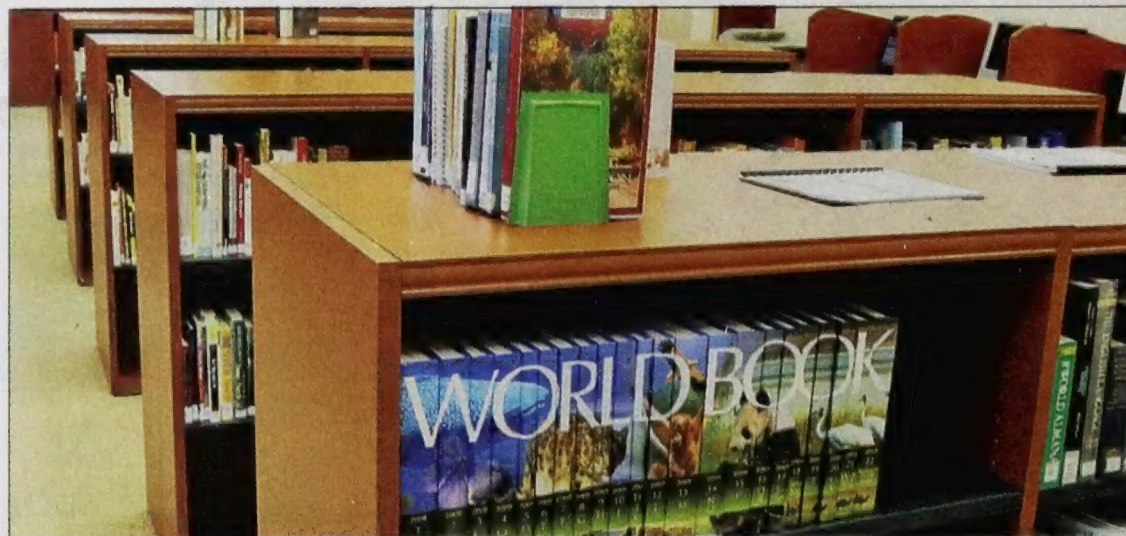
Watercolours has confirmed a spring relaunch, Wigamog and the Beaver Theatre both are taking a winter rest with plans to wake up in the spring.

As for Trails and Tours, if anyone even imagines that the steadfast cycling, hiking, and riding communities will allow for Hike Haliburton to die, they don't know what they're talking about.

And Minden will never be without hockey – even if it is without a Junior A team.

Plus, the benefits of a long hibernation can do an organization good: ask Harold Foyster. After the first year of the Highland Cup snowmobile races, Foyster took a year off to regroup and find sponsors. His hibernation certainly worked; Foyster's back and stronger than ever with the second year of races planned in March at the Pinestone Resort.

Follow his lead.



Library officially opens

Photo by Angelica Blenich

The missing link

JUST AFTER the rifle season for deer, my wife hinted we needed to spice up our relationship. As much as I didn't want to admit it, she was absolutely right.

"You've spent too much time away chasing deer," she confessed.

"Want me to chase you?" I asked.

In hindsight, the hounds were a bad idea.

That's when it occurred to me that not any old gesture would do. Flowers would simply amount to a stopgap measure. Chocolates would be nothing more than a brief diversion. Diamonds would only serve to illustrate a decided lack of imagination – and disposable income.

No, I needed to come up with something far more endearing. The gesture had to be romantic. More importantly, it had to unite us as a couple. It had to possess that special ingredient that would help us rediscover the joy of spending time together. It had to be something she could hardly wait to tell her friends about.

Suddenly, I knew what I had to do.

"I've got a very special evening planned," I divulged at lunch.

"Really?" She asked suspiciously.

"Yes," I answered. "I've arranged a babysitter for the night. I'm taking the phones off the hook and you and I are going to take our time and finally do it right."

"I like the sounds of this."

"You should. I've been on the Internet reading about how they do it in different parts of the

world. I've got a trick or two that I'd like to show you."

"I can't believe this."

"Believe it," I gushed. "Tonight we're making venison sausage!"

Venison sausage! Those two simple words bring a speechless, magical sort of joy to a woman.

Nothing, not even a weekend of plucking mal-

lards, compares.

On that enchanted evening, she and I stuffed about 35 pounds of honey-garlic and, unless I've got my signals crossed entirely, it will be a night she'll remember for the rest of her life.

At first she was clearly overwhelmed. But soon enough she got into the spirit of the evening. Yes, somewhere after our second batch, she admitted that she often fantasized about me wearing a necktie while leaning over the open feeding port of the meat grinder. I suppose

it's every woman's fantasy.

Naturally, I was flattered. Like the rest of her fantasies, however, I was unable to fulfill it.

The thing is, I cannot stand wearing ties. They constrict my breathing, make me feel self-conscious and generally fit me poorly. In fact, they go against everything I stand for. She knows that too.

The more I thought about it, the more it bothered me. In fact it put a damper on the evening.

That's all it takes, I suppose. It could have been truly special – after all, it's not every day that you make 35 pounds of honey-garlic sausage.

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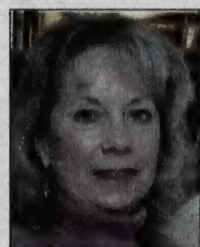
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Getting to know

OLIVIA DIDN'T KNOW what to expect. When Peter invited her to Ottawa for a long weekend, she hesitated. After all November was a dreary time of year and had the power to make any Ontario city unappealing. Other seasons Ottawa could boast skating on the Rideau Canal or a festival of tulips in the spring. But grey skies and damp winds were about as appealing as tepid tea with sour milk.

However, it would be a chance to get to know Peter better, she thought, eyeing the unraked leaves in her yard, the Christmas lights yet to be hung on her porch. It's our nation's capital and is sure to have awesome architecture, she further speculated, casting a glance at the firewood waiting to be piled and the garden still lacking its cover of winter mulch.

So it really was not a hard decision to make. Olivia would go to Ottawa with Peter and leave her many household chores undone. Again. It was while en route that Peter suggested they might want to stop at a second hand store in Bancroft so Olivia could pick up a



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more mundane coat to wear on the Ottawa streets. "You don't want to stand out as too prosperous where the hotel is situated," he explained with a smile. Olivia wondered if this was a bad sign.

But she need not have worried. The hotel was very acceptable, its street typically urban commercial and the people seemed much like those in Haliburton though they obviously hailed from all over the globe. Next to the hotel were two of Olivia's favourite places: a movie

theatre and a second hand book store. Since neither could now be found year round in Haliburton, she took turns visiting both of them the first day before going further afield on day two.

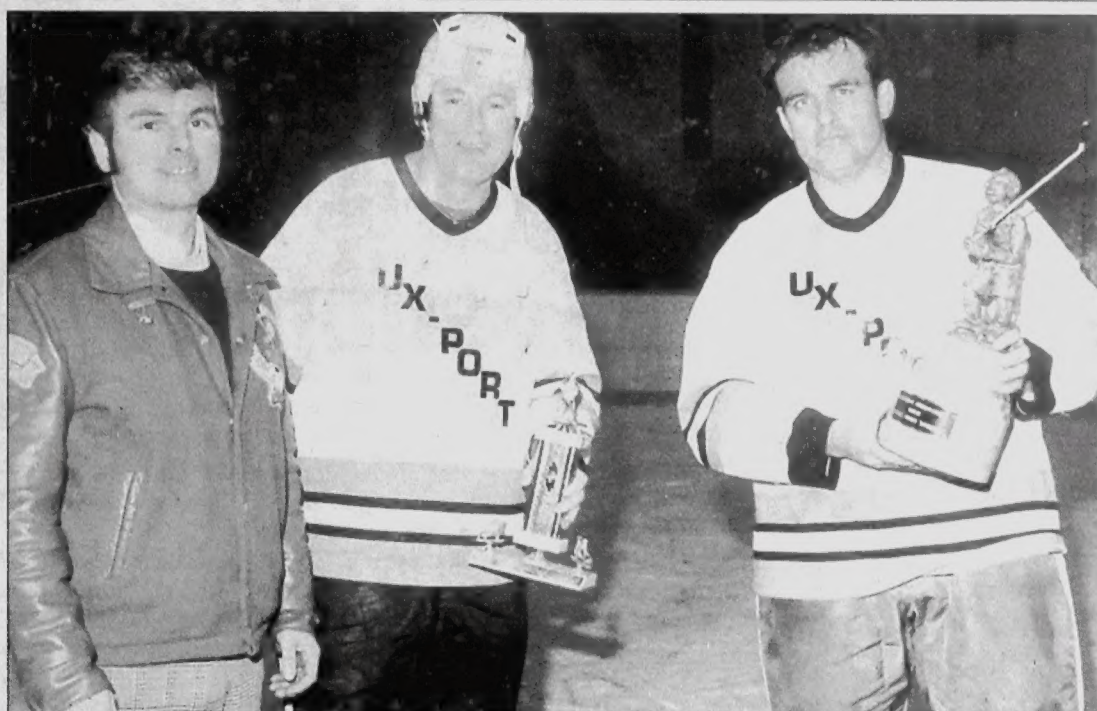
She was glad she did. Left on her own while Peter made business calls, Olivia set out with a street map from the hotel and a strong desire to see Parliament Hill and all that stood around it. The weather was on her side, even if her sense of direction was not. Despite the month, a cerulean sky sparkled in the sun and bits of green still showed by park benches. With the day spread before her like a picnic lunch, she walked briskly through the crisp air, savouring the freedom of going where her whim directed.

Olivia knew she could never see all there was on offer in the city, but she wanted at the very least a taste. It was also a pleasant change to be somewhere she could be anonymous, not knowing what might lie around the next corner. And there was much.

It was such a treat to discover shops packed with exotic tea blends or overflowing with aromatic cheeses, to see meats proudly displayed like fine jewellery. There was Lou's Shoes where pride in product and salesmanship was still a part of business and a combination florist and paper shop that offered orchids beside hilariously naughty art cards.

All this before Olivia had even reached the Parliament Buildings. Although the National Gallery was closed on the Monday, she gazed in amazement at the three storey spider perched on the pavement in front. Nearby, walking trails and a park overlooked the river and further on stood the imposing buildings that housed very important people doing very important things. She marvelled at the atmosphere of timelessness, the beautiful vistas and the sense of history. Olivia wanted more.

Unfortunately she was running out of day, so instead met Peter at a pre-arranged rendezvous for some refreshment. As they chatted amiably over drinks, comparing their days and laughing like folks who had known each other for years instead of months, Olivia felt the glow of contentment. It felt good to be a Canadian in Ottawa with a charming companion.



pic of the past

We had such good results with our request for information about last week's pic of the past (see below) that we are trying it again. This is another photo we found that has no information. Do you know who these three hockey enthusiasts are?

Last week the *Echo* published a pic of the past from the lumbermen's competition in Haliburton in 1984. We asked readers to let us know who was in the photo and Sheila Cowen responded telling us the men on the saw were Buck Cowen and Grant Clement. Kathryn Batty and Murray Cowen responded as well, saying "The photo was taken at a winter carnival in Haliburton, likely in the early 1980's. We have a photo of Buck taken at the 1985 carnival; he is seated on a chair that he cut from a wooden block using a chainsaw." Mystery solved! Thanks for the help, everyone!

letters to the editor

Last year credit, this year huge bill

To the Editor:

In the past three weeks I have read letters in the *Echo* about hydro bills. I think it is time for me to add my view on the subject.

I used to be on equal billings, however, due to mistrust I have gone off equal billing and read the meter myself. I did get a so-called smart meter a few months ago.

At the reconciliation month of 2008 they (hydro)

gave me a credit of \$4.50, but in the same month of 2009 I was charged with \$547.44. Why? I didn't do anything different this year from the previous year, so what is going on?

One can't talk with these people because in their belief they are OK and we, the customer, are wrong.

Hans Sorensen
Haliburton

Young people need skateboard park

To the Editor:

When construction of our beautiful new library began, the skateboard park was dismantled. I don't know if our Dysart et al council has plans to re-establish another skateboard park, but I agree with Mary Lawr that our young people certainly need one. I have noticed a small piece of land at the east end of Head Lake Park on Maple Street, across from Emmerson Rental and next to H & R Block that I think would be perfect for a

new and permanent skateboard park, but I don't know who owns it. Perhaps Reeve Fearrey and our members of council could look into this, as a skateboard park is a much needed facility for the younger members of our community.

Sunny Strath
Haliburton

See more letters on page 8

Would God condone shoplifting?

To the Editor:

Re: "Alleged squatters motivated by religion," Haliburton Echo

I don't know but maybe it is just me. I find it ludicrous that the charges against the three men who took groceries from Dollo's IGA were dropped. Who condoned their shoplifting? It seems that they are thumbing their noses at the law and are getting away with it. It seems that this group thinks that "because it was religious, that they had the right God had given them the divine right to inhibit the earth any way that they wanted." Yeh, right.

Ray Baker
Haliburton

What inspired squatters?

To the Editor:

Regarding the people taking groceries without paying. I was wondering if they might have been divinely inspired by people who download music without paying and think it is their God-given right. Could it be that this religious movement is much larger than we think?

Albert Saxby
Essonville

Double dose of support



Staff at Stuart Baker elementary school including principal France Meunier and food and snack volunteers Marianne Gerber, Heather Phillips and Judy Phipps, stand with Bob and Wendy Park from Foodland, along with students Carson, Ashley and Zachary. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

Putting its money where students' mouths are might be one way to describe the generosity of a business in Haliburton County.

Haliburton County Food For Kids is saluting the support of Bob and Wendy Park from Haliburton Foodland. The Parks are being recognized for their donation of \$8,350 to support student nutrition programs at two local schools.

Half of this amount, a total of \$4,175, has gone to support the snack program at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. The program provides a healthy snack, including vegetables and fruits and whole grains, twice a week to the more than 350 students who attend the school. The program at J.D. Hodgson has been running for 10 years.

At Stuart Baker Elementary School, an equal sum of \$4,175 has been donated by the Parks to support the student nutrition program there. This program includes a daily breakfast program for the more than 300 students at Stuart Baker, and also features a twice-a-week snack

program. Fruit, whole grains and yogurt are among the healthy foods served up at Stuart Baker.

According to Karen Phipps, the coordinator of Haliburton County Food For Kids, the Parks and Haliburton Foodland have been long-time supporters of student nutrition programs and see the benefit of ensuring students can learn on a full stomach.

"Bob and Wendy really help to put food on the table for students so they have the fuel they need to learn and succeed in school," says Phipps.

Haliburton County Food For Kids is the not-for-profit organization that supports all local student nutrition programs. At present in Haliburton County, these programs provide more than 3,500 breakfasts or snacks per week to local students. These programs are free for students, and participation is voluntary.

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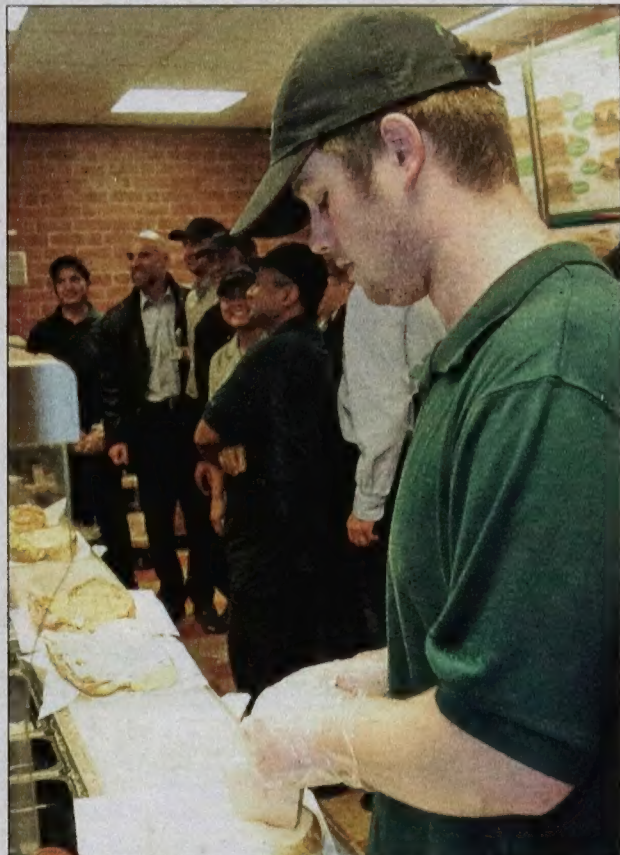
SUBWAY

BOGO raises funds for HHHS

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

There was more to be had than delicious sandwiches at Subway as residents of the community lined up out



Many hands make light work as staff at the Haliburton Subway prepared more than 1,000 sandwiches at this year's buy-one-get-one-free fundraiser in support of HHHSF.

the door on Nov. 23 for the second annual buy-one-get-one-free fundraiser. Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds from the event, hosted at both the Haliburton and Minden restaurant locations, went to support the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), primarily benefiting the health-care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden.

Mehul Patel, co-owner of both restaurant locations, said this year's event saw an approximate 25-per-cent increase in sales compared to last year. The fundraiser, which ran all day long, kept the staff at both locations on their toes and their hands very busy.

"We made 1,028 sandwiches at the Haliburton location," says Patel, "and 865 sandwiches at the Minden location."

According to Patel, all the hard work was worth it in the end.

"Our total sales for the day brought in \$8,309.56," says Patel. "We will be donating \$2,100 to the HHHSF."



HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush and human resources director Kris Baird are all smiles at Subway's annual buy-one-get-one-free fundraiser.

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■ HHSS HOCKEY

Red Hawks extend streak with 2-1 squeak over Falcons

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Haliburton High School Red Hawks hockey coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman knew it was coming, and they tried like the dickens to prepare their charges for the inevitable.

Just two games into this Kawartha high school hockey season the sun-kissed and soaring Hawks were

undefeated (2-0) and outscoring their opponents at a 17-1 clip.

Yake and Brohman did what coaches do. They reminded their talented team that in hockey, as in prizefighting, two soft jabs all too often precede the devastating and jaw-junking right cross.

And as the guy who liked to drag his kite out in thunderstorms once said, "Failure to prepare is preparing to fail." Ben Franklin was only saying what Dundee told Ali – a world of hurt awaits those who reside on large

laurels.

So probably fitting that Hal High Red Hawks' first real test of this young Kawartha season came last Thursday in Fenelon Falls.

Fenelon Falls Falcons – last year's Triple-A COSSA champs – like the Red Hawks had cruised to a 2-0 start in Kawartha League play, with a similar 17-4 goal for and against record.

See **Coach** page 13

HALIBURTON COUNTY Recycling Guide

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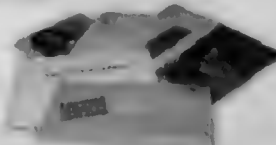
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Coach Yake laid down gauntlet

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Coach Yake said he laid down the gauntlet to his charges in the days leading up to the seminal game.

"I said to the guys that we've looked good and played well, but we're going to be challenged here today," Yake said.

To their credit, the Hawks went in with a plan, stuck it, and eked out a well-designed, hard-fought 2-1 win over the Falcons.

"We had a great game, it was a super game," said Yake. "It was a close, close game, and it was exactly what I expected ... I didn't expect anything less than that from both teams. Fenelon won their first two games and I knew it was going to be close."

The Kawartha high school hockey league plays a blended AA and AAA schedule. Fenelon, along with IE Weldon, St. Peters, and Crestwood are large enrolment (AAA) schools, but they play on equal footing with the 10 AA rural schools. Yake said that every time the Hawks see a Triple-A club on the horizon, practices take on a little

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Fenelon Falls Secondary School forward Ethan Strong leans in to take a draw as the Falcons hosted the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks in Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League play on Nov. 26. Haliburton beat the defending COSSA champions by a score of 2-1. /Photo by Jason Bain The Lindsay Post

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'It was a great back-and-forth game': Yake

from page 13

more rigour, the game prep gets more serious, and the eyes begin to narrow as game day approaches.

And Yake said he was proud of all his guys and the way they hung in last Thursday.

All the scoring took place in the second period. Ashton Haley scored from Ian Bottum, and Scott Griffith scored on a set-up from Brandon Yake. Both were even strength goals and both were the result of hustle and hard work.

"It was a great back-and-forth game," said Yake. "We ran into a little penalty difficulty in the third period. They had three power play opportunities, but we managed to hold on. We killed the penalties off, did a great job in that aspect of

the game, and Alex Monk Cray started in net and played very steady."

Yake said that the Fenelon goal came just seconds after a Red Hawks power play, the result of a mental lapse.

"Their only goal came when a guy jumped out of the penalty box and went off on a breakaway," said Yake, who said that aside from that all of the Falcons' chances came from long range. "That was their only offensive opportunity other than a lot of outside shots, and Alex did really well and he made a few tough saves to keep their scoring to that one goal. It was anyone's game, it could have gone either way and we had a few chances where we could have scored as well. It was a great effort, and the defense especially played outstanding for us," he said.

Yake and Brohman were concerned that because of the dearth of competition in their first two games – they beat Brock 8-1 and Lakefield 9-0 – the Hawks might be shaky when faced with heavy zone pressure.

"I knew we were going to come up against some great offense and I told the guys, 'You know we haven't really played all that much in our own end this season, so get ready for it,'" said Yake. "And we talked about a few things there prior to the game."

And according to Yake, his players and especially the defense rose to the occasion.

"And it's not that the puck was always in our end, but they [Fenelon Falls] had chances," said Yake. "Their goalie was steady, we had a couple of good chances to score but it was a defensive battle and they played well in their own end and so did we."

And even though it was a battle of the middle ice, Yake said that his three forward lines all played well enough to stretch the lead at times.

"We had a couple of two-on-ones that we just missed on, and Carson Roberts had a breakaway that went off the post,"

said Yake. "We had our chances and it wasn't like we just held on to that one goal lead."

"Definitely penalties in the third period tested us, but at the same time those penalties were not the result of undisciplined play, they were just penalties coming out of hard work. Killing those penalties off in a 2-1 game shows a lot of promise for the hockey team."

And of course the Hawks are now 3-0 and on top of the league, just a half game behind St. Peters who were 4-0 at the end of last week.

The Hawks hosted Holy Cross last night (results in Minden Times Wednesday) and are travelling to Peterborough to play Kenner this afternoon.

Yake says that a good deal of their future success will rely on dedication to the defensive mindset, consistent offensive pressure and some solid special teams play.

"After three games we've only allowed two goals so a lot of credit goes to the goaltending and the defense and the style of play that we're trying to work on," said Yake. "And we're now hoping that at this point that continues."

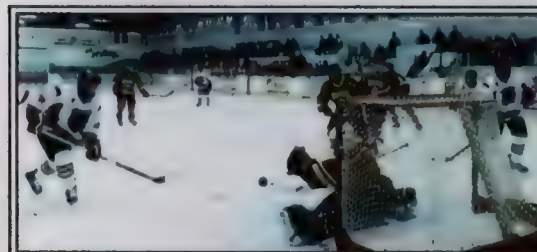


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■ SKIING

The long road of an Olympic volunteer

Len and Kit Pizzey train to become world-class ski course marshals

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Retirement has different meanings for different people.

The goal for some retirees is not to slow down, but to keep going right to the end. Two people who are the definition of that goal are Len and Kit Pizzey. Whether they are cross-country skiing in the 13,000-participant Engadin Ski Marathon in Switzerland, or running the Kash End of Summer Dash, nothing stops this couple from doing anything they want.

So when the opportunity came to be a part of the 2010 Winter Olympics, nothing was going to stop them.

Their three-year journey began in 2006 when the Pizzeys received an email stating that the cross-country skiing venue for the Olympics would be looking for volunteer officials from across Canada.

In order to be involved, they had to have their level two cross-country skiing officiating qualifications. They also had to look at travel and accommodation expenses (since their "on-site" training for the Olympics is not covered).

And they would have to go through the steps established by the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) to become bona fide volunteers. It seems like a lot of work just to volunteer for a couple weeks, but the Pizzeys didn't hesitate. They immediately filled in their application and chose the officiating role: course marshal.

After completing their level one officiating course, the couple volunteered at 10 other races to get up to speed on timing, finish line, individual and mass-start officiating.

By the end of their two-year volunteer-

ing marathon, the Pizzeys had attended the Ontario Master, Under 23 World Cup, Ontario University race, American Birkebeiner, Masters World Cup and the Canadian National Championships in Whistler, B.C.

Duties include controlling access to the course, supervising course crossings, supervising spectator access, ensuring the track quality (removing discarded equipment such as water bottles, hats and broken poles) give verbal warnings if there's a fallen skier at a blind corner, notifying ski patrol of injury, repairing damage to the track and advising coaches to clear other skiers.

Near the end of the national competition, all the volunteers had a meeting with the chief of competition for the Olympics; the promised accommodation for volunteers was not available due to the huge number of people flooding Whistler. But this didn't stop the Pizzeys from heading out West, it was just another rut to get around on their road to the Olympics. They knew that along the way they would figure something out.

In the meantime, they kept up their hectic volunteering schedule.

In late spring this year, they finally received their formal "offer of the position of course crew, cross-country skiing" from VANOC. And to put the cherry on top, friends from B.C. said they could stay with them during the Olympics.

All that is left for the Pizzeys to do is to book their flight and car rental. They'll be flying into Kelowna Feb. 8 and will be driving to Whistler via Kamloops and Lillooet. They start training Feb. 10, with the first official race Feb. 14 and the last Feb. 28.

Each day consists of a seven-hour shift with an hour-long bus ride to the stadium in the mornings and back to the



Len and Kit Pizzey train to become world-class ski course marshals. /Photo submitted

chalet in the evenings.

Of the 17 days they'll have five days off, which they plan on filling with some cross-country skiing of their own.

Looking back on all the things they had to do in order to get there, was it worth the hassle?

"We like to be able to see and be around the best," Kit said. "It provides us with the opportunity to improve our ski skills. It gives us a reason to travel as well. It just takes tremendous support so it can happen because these kinds of events can only exist if there are volunteers. And you meet committed and interesting people who help make this all happen. There will always be that small group that will show that commitment."

Before they take off, the Pizzeys will be going to Silver Star, for the first two weeks of December to get in some early-

season skiing. They've also volunteered to help with timing at the NorAm races that the Sovereign Lake Club is hosting Dec. 12 and 13, qualifying races for some skiers still hoping to compete at the Olympics.

So after three seasons filled with three officiating training courses and 10 races and now a long trip to help with the Olympics, you might think they'd be taking a break.

Well, they are, but only for a week. One week after they return from Whistler they're off to Newfoundland for the Masters.

So maybe we should make a new goal, not just to keep going after retirement, but to do the things we love and continue learning, see the world and never let a thing as small as accommodations get in our way.



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Haliburton COUNTY news

COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFS

More tax assessors needed in county: council

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 25 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The municipal property assessment corporation could be doing more to save money and increase staffing to Haliburton County, Reeve Murray Fearrey told a delegation from MPAC.

"I don't care if I get a Christmas card from MPAC ... I think it's a waste of taxpayers' money," Fearrey said, explaining that he not only gets holiday cards from the public group, but also glossy financial statements in the mail.

Travel time between their Peterborough offices and this county also wastes precious time that could be sent doing assessments, Fearrey said.

He suggested workers stay overnight in the county instead.

"Agreed," was the short answer from MPAC account manager, Valerie Jones. She said her company is encouraging employees to stay overnight when they make the trip north.

In 2009, MPAC received 1,580 requests for assessment reconsideration. As of Nov. 25, 1,578 were completed. Municipal relations representative, Judy Piggott, said 778 of the reconsideration requests resulted in no change of assessment and of those that were changed, the adjustment change was 0.19 per cent.

"It looks like with appeals you're wrong half the time," Fearrey said.

Jones clarified that sometimes there are property changes – such as tearing down a secondary building – that MPAC doesn't know about during the initial assessment.

Likewise, there can be depreciation through deferred maintenance that isn't taken into account.

Roads update

There is a 10-kilometre stretch of "severely moguled" earth on the Rail Trail, roads supervisor Doug Ray told council, which his department would be working to fix.

The damaged portion lies between the quarry and Ritchie Falls.

Work on a culvert on County Road 3, Glamorgan Road, will continue into December, Ray said.

The road was shutdown to all traffic on the Nov. 21 weekend, and will remain single-lane traffic until the end of next month.

The bridge at County Road 21 is "progressing slowly," Ray said. He expects two lanes to be opened mid-December.

Staff work to replace Trails and Tours

Trails and Tours will be dismantled as of Dec. 31, but



ANGELICA BLENICH/Echo

Recipients of the county of Haliburton long-term service award proudly display their gifts.

WARDEN'S BANQUET

A county celebration

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The annual Warden's Banquet, held on Nov. 27 by Dave Burton, recognized many prominent and dedicated residents of Haliburton County. Hosted at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, the evening featured an array of speeches from prominent guests such

some of its programming may still go on.

Bob Smith, head of economic development and tourism for the county, told council he will be bringing a proposal on how to "mitigate negative impacts left as a result of Trails and Tours not being around" at the next committee meeting.

He said that activities such as Hike Haliburton would be missed from an economic standpoint in the county if no one attempted to take it over.

County wants money for nurse practitioners

The county will be sending a letter to the province asking for funding to add another nurse practitioner to

as MPP Rick Johnson and MP Barry Devolin.

As guests mixed and mingled before the dinner began, music was provided by pianist Elsie Lewis. Guests dined on chicken cordon bleu catered by the Ladies Auxiliary Wilberforce Legion branch.

The event also included special recognition for those who have dedicated many years of service to the County of Haliburton. Jim Wilson, CAO of Haliburton County, presented the long-term service award to 10 individuals.

the mix with the family health team.

In a meeting with the minister of health promotion, CAO Jim Wilson, Reeve Dave Burton and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison were told to specifically ask for money for the health providers.

"A nurse practitioner can alleviate a lot of time from a physician," Harrison told council.

Harrison said that the province is also considering a provision that would allow the whole of Haliburton County to be designated "under-served" because of the lack of doctors.

Previously, individual municipalities had to apply separately for the designation, which allows access to incentive funding to lure doctors.

"The recruitment committee wants the whole county designated under-served," Harrison said.



ANGELICA BLENICH/Echo

Pinestone manager Cynthia Romanyk sits at the same piano Nick Jonas played at every day while filming *Camp Rock* in Haliburton. The resort gave the international star the piano as a gift, while the Jonas Brothers returned the favour with their platinum award.

JONAS BROTHERS

'I would walk by ... and hear him playing'

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"I would walk by the room [Nick] was in and hear him playing, and he would tell me he really enjoyed it up here in Haliburton," Romanyk said.

"The parents contacted me and asked me to find that piano that Nick wrote the song on," says Romanyk.

"I told them we had it and they asked me if they could give it to him for his birthday, which I agreed to. When they arrived Nick told me he was so excited to be getting the piano because it held a special meaning to him."

Upon returning two years later, that meaning was still there as Nick tickled the ivories once again.

"He sat at it and once again practised on it everyday," says Romanyk. "This time he wrote a song on it that he plans on using for his brother Kevin's upcoming wedding."

Thrilled with the help and warm reception the boys received from the resort, the brothers decided they wanted to do something in return to thank the Pinestone and show their appreciation.

Before leaving town, the brothers presented the Pinestone with the platinum award they received for the song, "A Little Bit Longer."

On the plaque there is an inscription that reads: "Presented to Pinestone Re-

sort to commemorate RIAA certified sales of more than 1,000,000 copies of the Hollywood Records compact disc 'A Little Bit Longer.' A great many thanks to the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre from The Jonas Brothers."

"We're going to put the plaque in the front lobby," says Romanyk. "That way those who come in will have the chance to see it."

Along with the plaque, the boys will also be replacing the piano once it has been shipped to California.

"We plan on shipping this piano to them in the next week or so," explains Romanyk.

Looking back at the piano, Romanyk is thrilled that everything worked out so well and went according to plan.

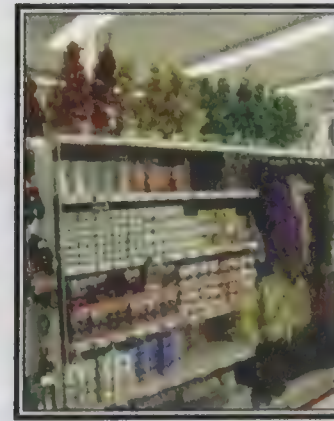
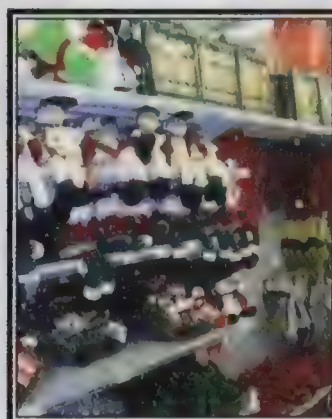
"We got a lot of calls about them back in September when they were here," says Romanyk, "but we couldn't say anything because we were in the midst of putting together this surprise for Nick and we wanted it to go off without a hitch, which it did."

Romanyk believes the brothers enjoyed their time in the county immensely, which in part was due to the respect and privacy they received.

"They were great guests," she says, "and everyone was very respectful of them and was able to give them their space."

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FIELD NATURALISTS

Local geologist to discuss whale fossils in the desert

Whales in the Desert: this is the intriguing title of the next program offered by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, 7:30 Thursday evening, at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Rd.

Fossils of ancient whales found in the Sahara Desert have helped unlock the secrets of whales' evolution from land to sea. Geologist and environmental educator John Etches will guide you through this fascinating story and spectacular landscape via his work with the United Nations Development Program creating the educational experiences for the site. John was formerly an environmental educator at the Frost Centre, and is well-known locally as an engaging speaker, as well as a very accomplished and inspired photographer.

This is an excerpt from the Unesco World Heritage Site listing: "Wadi Al-Hitan, Whale Valley, in the Western Desert of Egypt, contains invaluable fossil remains of the earliest, and now extinct, suborder of whales, Archaeoceti. These fossils represent one of the major stories of evolution: the emergence of the whale as an



ocean-going mammal from a previous life as a land-based animal. This is the most important site in the world for the demonstration of this stage of evolution. It portrays vividly the form and life of these whales during their transition. The number, concentration and quality of such fossils here is unique, as is their accessibility and setting in an attractive and protected landscape. The fossils of Al-Hitan show the youngest archaeocetes, in the last stages of losing their hind limbs. Other fossil material in the site makes it possible to reconstruct the surrounding environmental and ecological conditions of the time."

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists has been active in the community since 1992, fostering an interest in, and knowledge of, nature and nature-related subjects. Membership is encouraged, but meetings are open to all, with a donation of a toonie at the door. This is sure to be a fascinating evening.

Submitted by Pamela Marsales, field naturalists

Geologist John Etches will speak to the field naturalists Thursday evening at the fish hatchery about his time in the Sahara Desert.

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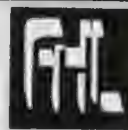
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'You know, of course they are right and I am wrong'

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defects. The company complied, and the tests came back saying there was nothing wrong with her meter.

"Please be advised that we have completed the testing of the meter ... our meter technician has confirmed that the test revealed that the meter tested accurate ... within acceptable limits of 1 per cent plus or minus," an email to Lohrbach from Hydro One said.

To find out if she was alone in her Hydro One complaints, Lohrbach wrote a letter to the editor about a month ago. Since that time, letters and phone calls have been coming into the *Echo* from other hydro users with similar billing concerns.

"The difference from reconciliation in 2008 to the same month in 2009, that's the great difference, which I couldn't really under-

stand. From \$4.50 in credit in 2008, I jump up to \$500 and something dollars in 2009 ...," said Hans Sorensen of Haliburton in response to Lohrbach.

"I just wonder what is going on there. I haven't done anything different from one year to another," Sorensen said, detailing his low-energy living conditions. "I am living alone. I don't have an electric kitchen stove, I'm using propane. I don't have a dishwasher, I don't have a washer and dryer, only thing I do have is my refrigerator. "In the morning I have a heater, a radiator that's on for maybe an hour, just to take the first morning chill away," he said.

Sorensen couldn't figure out why his bill had increased so much. He also wrote a letter to the editor, which appears in this week's paper.

Two weeks after Lohrbach's letter appeared, Doug Beattie of

Spruce Lake called the newspaper to add his frustration.

"We pay three to four times what we pay in the city ... clearly something is wrong," Beattie said. "I can understand a bit more [expense], but not three, four, five times as expensive." He estimated that he pays \$1,000 a quarter in hydro at the cottage he spends one-tenth of his time in.

On Essonville Line, Barb Vanek has a very similar story. "We got a smart meter in the summer and this bill [was high]. I called them right away saying, are you out of your mind? They said you must have something wrong with your electricity," Vanek said. Her bills went from \$132 to \$310, and her usage went from an average of five kilowatts a day to 17, according to her meter. She called to complain, but was told, "they're right and I'm wrong."

Daniele Gauvin, a spokesper-

son for Hydro One, said that there can be many reasons for spikes in electricity bills.

"We had a couple calls where to go from your old meter to your new one - to completely close out your old meter, to bring it completely up to date - if you're a cottager and you get your bill four times a year, you've got to stop paying your old meter and start fresh," Gauvin explained.

In this transition between the digital smart meters and the older versions, the gap between what energy has been used and what energy has been paid for must be closed. This can cause a jump in hydro charges over the short term, she said. As for differences between electricity in the city and at the cottage, Gauvin said those who live in remote areas have to pay more because it's more work to get hydro out to them. "Hydro One rates (reviewed and

approved by the Ontario Energy Board) reflect the cost to serve customers in each density classification, which means that rates are higher for customers in less densely populated areas," she wrote in an email to the *Echo*. While the electricity price is the same in the city as the country, the cost of delivery is higher in rural areas, she said. For Haliburtonians fighting their Hydro bills, the explanation is still not enough, since they say the mantra of Hydro One is that the meter doesn't lie.

"I have called them twice, but well, they've got a certain way of talking to say well, you know, of course they are right and I am wrong," Sorensen said.

Beattie agrees. "I met with a wall of bureaucracy," he said. "There's no one you can go to and say something's wrong. The meter is right, there's nothing you can do about it."

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Haliburton Legion salutes students

BRIAN HAMBLY

Youth education chairman, RCL branch 129

The Royal Canadian Legion, branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 118 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests.

I would also like to thank the teachers, school administration staff and parents, who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

Without our panel of judges there would be no competition, therefore we thank Billy Packard, Ed Pickard, Wendy Vermeersch, Lesley Thacher, Pat Hamill, Suzanne Sovereign and Mary Hambly for a job well done. Thanks also to Janet Burley for providing the refreshments.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first place winners will move on to compete with other entries at the zone level.

Poem contest

Senior: first, Laura Voicy; second, Kaitlin Allore
Intermediate: first, Kristen McKee; second, Daryl Woodley; third, Tom Paul
Junior: first, Cody Williams; second, Victoria M. Hawley

Essay contest

Senior: first, Kaitlin Allore; Jillian Mayhew
Intermediate: first, Brailey Clancy; second, Spencer Trueman; third, Kristen McKee
Junior: first, Victoria M. Hawley; second, Christopher McKee

Poster contest (black and white)

Intermediate: first, Daryl Woodley; second, Travis G. Neville; third, Noelle Russell
Junior: first, Cassandra Varty; second, Jessie M. Barry; third, Emma Scheffe

Primary: first, James Alexander; second, Maya L. Meraw; third, Jacob W. H. O'Neill

Poster contest (colour)

Senior: first, Paige Roberts
Intermediate: first, Niklas Barry; second, Noelle Russell; third, Naomi Russell
Junior: first, Brooke Stevenson; second, Drew Van Lieshout; third, Kara E. Barry
Primary: first, Kurtis Adams; second, Jamie Lynn Evans; third, Martine Perry

Zone competition

The winners of each category will be sent to the zone level by Nov. 30. You will be advised of further results as they are known. All prizes will be awarded at the annual awards night in April, 2010.

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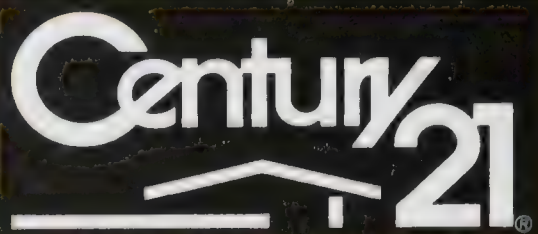
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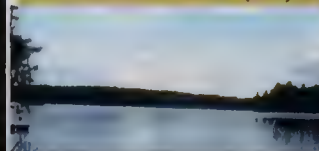
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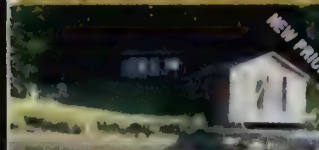
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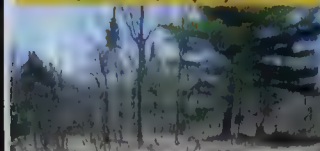
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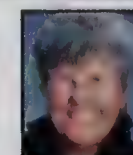
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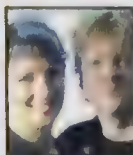
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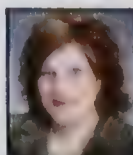
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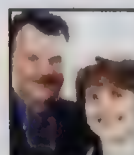
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CURLING

Haliburton team takes Stinson Trophy

PETER MONTGOMERY

Tom Stinson Bonspiel Manager

In total, 16 teams from five clubs participated.

Our thanks to John Watson, Icemaker, Janet Tice (Kosy Korner) for the wonderful dinner, and to the many volunteers within the club that make these bonspiels work.

We also express our appreciation to Haliburton Lumber and to Todd's In-

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The playoff winner, from Haliburton (holding the Tom Stinson trophy), from left, 2nd - Dan Gimon, skip - Art Dawson, lead - Len Salvatori and vice - Jim Bradley. Dawson's team finished second place in the second draw, then won the four-team playoff to win the overall trophy. /Photos submitted.

For the twelfth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

Help us reach our **\$100,000 Holiday Goal** to invest in equipment for the health care facilities and hospitals in Haliburton County.

As of November 24, 2009 we have raised \$5,685⁰⁰ towards our goal.

Thank you to the following generous businesses, groups and individuals;

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thanks our Honourary Chairmen for our 2009 "Reach For The Future" campaign, Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Dave Fiddler.

If you would like to help us "Reach For The Future", your gift can be sent to:

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• The first draw winner, from Haliburton, from left, skip - Bob MacNaull, vice - Bob Harrison, lead - Ernie Ross and 2nd - Don Currie.

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dependent for their logistical support and for their donation of merchandise.

Other winners

First Draw - 2nd place
from High Park Curling Club, Toronto

Skip - Bill MacKay
Vice - Dave Robinson
2nd - Brian Smith
Lead - Wayne McMoyl

First Draw - 3rd place
from Haliburton
Skip - Ed Pickard



The second draw winner, from Bobcaygeon, from left, vice - Bob Quinn, skip - Ron Piensanen, 2nd - Ed Dell and lead - Bernie Fobert.

Vice - Brian Hambly
2nd - Bill Matthews
Lead - Pat Mitchell

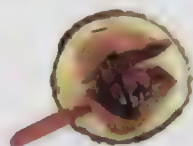
Second Draw - 2nd place
(Art Dawson - see page 23)

Second Draw - 3rd place
from Bobcaygeon
Skip - Gord Zimmerman
Vice - Grant Heaphy
2nd - Nelson Ham
Lead - Keith Yarnell

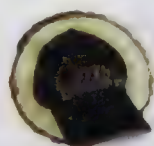
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WRESTLING

Hawks get feel for competition at tournament

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Thursday, Nov. 26, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted an all-day wrestling tournament. The tournament was a casual three round tournament, which gave the Red Hawks team a chance to get a feel for this year's competition. I.E Weldon, LCVI and Fenelon Falls Secondary School brought their game to the Hawks' Nest having over 140 wrestlers participating. Coach of the Red Hawks, Mr. Klose, is pleased with how the teams looking. Next week the Hawks are off to two tournaments on Wednesday and Thursday.



Nicole Mazara pins her opponent in a three-round warm-up tournament Nov. 26. /Photo by Katrina Chvedukas

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■ WILBERFORCE

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Hilda Clark
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This coming Saturday, Dec. 5, the place to spend some time is at the Christmas craft sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The Wilberforce Heritage Guild is hosting the sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Margaret's Church women will be staffing the kitchen all day. Plan to include lunch while enjoying some shopping. Have muffins with morning coffee. Enjoy chili or soup along with sandwiches. The menu will likely include pie as well as free tea and coffee all day.

Vendors will have a wide variety of treasures. Expect everything from Christmas cookies to knitted creations, from candles to quilts, jewelry to wood crafts and gorgeous gift baskets. Look for the famous Linkert fruit cakes from Janet Barker's bakery on the Heritage Guild table. And above all come and meet your neighbours. Sit a while and enjoy all the lovely Christmas creations.

Many Christmas celebrations are taking place in this

area in the upcoming weeks.

Santa Claus is coming to town. He is never too busy to be part of the annual parade in his honour. He will be the most highly awaited figure in the parade on Sunday, Dec. 13. The parade will form on Holmes Drive and School Lane and move off promptly at 12:30 travelling down the main street to the Lloyd Watson Centre. There Santa will meet the children and talk with them about their Christmas wishes. The LWMC is always a hive of fun activities after the parade. Groups, individuals and businesses are encouraged to take part in the parade. Floats are always greatly enjoyed as are walkers dressed as elves, clowns and other entertaining characters.

Contact Joanne Hughey at 448-2194 for information, to help or just to let her know you are planning to take part.

The Harcourt Chapel Ladies are hosting their annual ladies Victorian tea on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The theme is Victorian but it is a Christmas meeting. Guest speaker is Susan Bain. There will be readings, games, fellowship and food. All you need to bring is a small gift for a gift exchange. Feel free to dress up.

The annual Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service is coming to the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Most churches in the area take part. Always a heart-warming time of worship, music and fellowship. All welcome.

Community Care Haliburton is having its Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Wilberforce legion. Enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for \$15. Call 457-2941 to reserve your place for this meal.

The North Hastings Choir will present its Christmas program at the Bancroft Playhouse on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

A fine concert by The Highlands Festival Singers has already helped get folks in the Christmas spirit. They delighted audiences at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton on Nov. 28 and 29 with their Christmas Chestnuts program. In a lovely Christmas setting the

60-voice choir, led by Melissa Stephens and accompanied by Catherine Kellett, joyously sang wonderfully arranged selections both familiar and new.

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Wilberforce Public School will take place in 2011 on Saturday, April 30. The committee that has begun planning this important anniversary has learned that the first section of the school was a one-room brick building that opened for students in 1911. The older school just north and beside the United Church continued to operate for a number of years. Members of the organizing committee wish they had an extra year to spread the news of this anniversary and to prepare exciting activities. All help and ideas are welcome.

May we extend best wishes to Bob Saunders, that his injured hand will heal quickly. His friends at the curling club miss him.

The warden's banquet was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre this past weekend. Dave Burton, reeve of Highlands East, who has served as warden of Haliburton County throughout 2009, was honoured for his leadership.

Coming Events

Highlands Wind Symphony

Christmas Concert



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Born and educated in Montreal, Quebec, Ian "Scotty" Morrison played junior hockey with the Montreal Canadiens organization. When he finished playing junior hockey, Scotty turned to officiating and at 24 years of age, he became the youngest referee to work in the NHL at that time. In June 1965, Scotty was appointed NHL Referee-in-Chief. In 1981 he was made an Officer of the League, and named Vice President, Officiating. In 1986, NHL President John Ziegler appointed Scotty to the position of Vice President, Project Development and President, Hockey Hall of Fame. Scotty was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Hockey Hall of Fame in October 1991. Morrison is an integral part of the Museum/Archives world, being President of both the Canadian Association of Sports Heritage (C.A.S.H.) and the International Association of Sports Museums and Hall of Fames (IAMSHEF). He has assisted Museums of all sizes and shapes in establishing their roots within their communities. Scotty officially retired as Chairman, Board of Directors, Hockey Hall of Fame on July 31, 1998.

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Remembering the Montreal Massacre

A memorial tea to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women will be held at Zion United Church Hall in Carnarvon on Sunday, Dec. 6 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. No admission or donations are required to attend.

The memorial tea is being held to commemorate the 14 women massacred at the École Polytechnique 20 years ago, and for the hundreds of women murdered by the hands of violence since then. In the province of Ontario this year alone has seen 15 women killed as a result of domestic violence. The memorial tea brings the community together and provides an opportunity to reflect on how they can help stop the violence. Poster and print material will be available to provide information on how to help identify women at risk of abuse/how to talk with men who are abusive and safety planning for women who are abused, plus other material.

Nancy Brownsberger of SIRCH will bring a message of personal experiences and will relay there is hope. An inspirational musical performance will be provided by Outloud Womyn's Voices. The memorial will include laying of roses in memory of those killed by violence.

Following the memorial, free tea, coffee and dessert will be served by a group of men.

Neighbours Friends and Families is a partnership between the Ontario Government and the Ontario Woman's Directorate. It's a campaign to provide communities with information and strategies to help prevent woman abuse, such as the memorial tea. Remembering is not enough; everyone must work together to learn the warning signs and how to deal with woman abuse. Only then will we be on the road to recovery. For further information contact Bob McKay at 754-4556.

■ WEST GUILFORD

Craft and bake sale a success for vendors

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

The Craft and Bake Sale was a success on Nov. 28 at the centre for both Maple Lake United Church's baked goodies and the eight vendors.

Brenda Christopher's native arts and crafts featured leather chokers, dream catchers, earrings, adult and tiny baby moccasins in leather, beaded jewelry and puzzle pouches.

Ceramic plates colourful with designs from nature, coasters and jewelry were

displayed by Lynn Morrison. Sherry Morrison's table held Santa plates, dolls, decorative boxes, and huge stockings.

The Cooks displayed their ever popular and useful Watkins products and Pam Steele had little scarves and slippers filled with contents that when heated in microwave, kept the body nice and cozy. Those fascinating popcorn tops ever so useful and beautiful for travellers or simply for summer wear made a colourful presentation. Terry Upton sells these items not only at sales like this but also from her home. Saturday, Dec. 12, her place is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There are gloves and scarves called Moa Boas just so beautiful and warm. I know, I modeled one!

The antique and collectibles table

included a large collection of beautiful china, crafts and linen presented by Renie Legehmaate. The preserves from their kitchen also tempted the buyers.

From Picton, Grace Westerhof showed off her knitting and crocheting skills in two prize-winning blankets as well as attractive pillows and gift baskets, to name a few of her handicrafts. Altogether a fine showing of work and talent.

Kay Morrison staffed the coffee and muffins, and the lunch counter where sandwiches were also available.

Stephanie Zavitz reports that an average of 11 children ages four to nine years old meet at the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Wednesdays. This good news club invites you to come as volunteers to help oversee their sessions and wel-

comes even more children to the group.

Pastor Bert Zavitz invites you to a Christmas dinner at the West Guilford Baptist Church on Dec. 5, at 5 p.m., there is no cost. Thank you to the cooks of this turkey dinner.

Kevin Sisson's 50th birthday was celebrated in fine style at the centre on Saturday, Nov. 28 with many friends and relatives in attendance. Happy birthday many times from all of us, related or not!

Euchre was increasingly popular this past Tuesday evening with 37 present.

High Score: Colleen Davidson and Leon Jones; Low Score: Iris Freeman and Ray Campbell; Most Lone Hands: Helen Windsor and Bob Clarke.

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

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• December 1: Take Your Temperament at the Minden OEYC from 7-9 pm— What are magic buttons? Learn your family's temperament styles and how to develop new approaches for adapting to them. Light supper provided. Please register at Minden OEYC at 705-286-1770 before November 19.

• December 2: Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Family Support and Education Meeting – Join us from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. This is a potluck so we start early at 6:00 pm. For family members and friends who know someone with schizophrenia, depression, ocd, bipolar disorder or other serious mental illnesses. 466 George Street, North., use back entrance and ring bell. Contact 749-1753 for more information.

• December 3: Kinmount Celebrates Lights Across Canada – Join us for our annual tree lighting ceremony at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and pictures with Santa in the railway station following the lighting of the tree.

• December 3: Whales in the Desert is the intriguing title of a slide talk by John Etches at 7:30 pm. – Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, presents this program at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Rd. All are welcome. Non-members \$2 at the door. Geologist and photographer, John Etches is well-known as a popular environmental educator, formerly at the Frost Centre. He has been working with the United Nations Development Program to create educational experiences for this World Heritage Site; Wadi Al-Hitan, Egypt, Etches will guide you through the discovery of ancient whale fossils and the spectacular landscape of this desert setting. Call Pamela at 457-4767 for more details.

• December 3: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am – 12:00 pm – Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989

• December 5: Norland Management Board is holding a fund raising Craft and Bake Sale from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Lunch of homemade soup, bun and dessert will be available from 12

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• December 5: Cookie Walk at the Haliburton United Church – Join us from 10 am to 1 pm, bring your own containers to fill, while selecting from a wide variety of freshly baked Christmas cookies. Cookies are \$4 per dozen.

• December 6: 20th Anniversary Candle Light Vigil to Commemorate the 14 Women Murdered December 6, 1989 – Join us from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Kenner Collegiate High School. There will be a film interviewing a survivor of the Montreal massacre. Foods and refreshments following the vigil. For more information call the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre 705-748-5901.

• December 6: S.E.A.L. Meeting – Will be held at the Lion's Hall at 2 pm, 55 main St. Bobcaygeon, our annual Christmas season potluck dinner meeting and gift exchange. Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living. 887-4504

• December 6: Highlands Wind Symphony Christmas Concert 2009 – Join us at 3:00 pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets are available at Master's Book Store (now the Olde Country House Restaurant) Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. Adults \$10, students \$5 and family \$25. For more information call 457-1671 or email wildwoodfarm@sympatico.ca.

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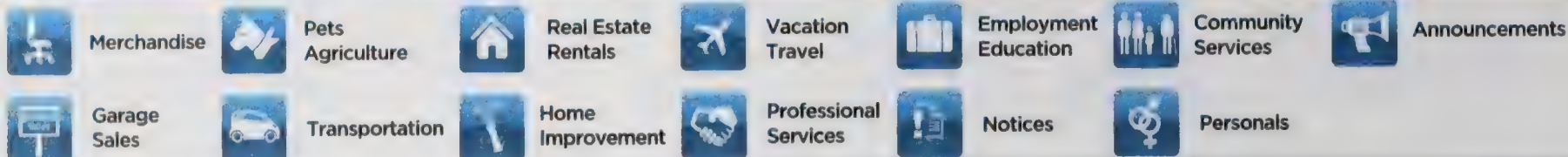
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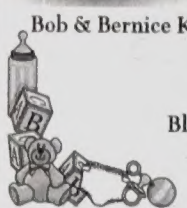
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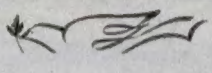
Darlene Norma McElwain (nee Kuehl)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Darlene Norma McElwain (nee Kuehl) of Haliburton passed away on Saturday, November 21st, 2009 at Extencicare in her 77th year. She was the Daughter of the late Voilet and Alexander Kuehl, Wife of Wilson F. McElwain of Haliburton, Mother of Gerald & (Jill) McElwain, Kim & (Rocky) Roberts, Charlene & (Deeno) Pearsell and Peter & (Nancy) McElwain, Grandmother of Jeremy, Ryan (predeceased), Jake, Abbey (Charlie), Andrew (Rebecca), Lesley and Wendy and Great-Grandmother of Ella (predeceased), Cameron and Caitlyn. Sister of Howard, Wayne, Donna, Lorraine and Kevin. Predeceased by sisters Shirley, Sharyn and brothers Murray and Karl. She is remembered by many nieces and nephews.

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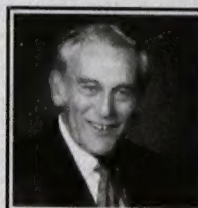
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Ralph Palmer

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his spare time, he fixed small engines and worked on general household repairs. At the age of 77, following a brave battle with cancer, it is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dad on Saturday November 28, 2009. He was surrounded by his family, and we are grateful to have been by his side for his final goodbye. Devoted dad to Jude "Juby" (Dave), Ray "Raymond Ruskie" (Laura), Brian "Briny Friny" (Julie deceased), Dwayne "Skipper" (Susan), Carole "Boo" (Marton), Wendy "Wendell" (Ellen), and David "Dwayne" (Pauline). Cherished granddad of 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by three brothers; Jack, Doug (Irene) and Garth. Will be sadly missed by in-laws, Shirley (Reg, deceased), Joyce (George), Jackie (Lloyd deceased), Ian deceased, Betty (Courtney deceased), and Susan (Lloyd). He had a great sense of humour and never failed to tease those he loved the most. Ralph will forever live on through his children. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 3, 2009 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, please consider donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Auxilliary.

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Deaths



FLETCHER, Robert S - In Loving Memory of Robert S. Fletcher. After a lengthy illness Bob passed away on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at the age of 78 with his family by his side. Dearly loved husband of Nikki (nee Cummins). Loving and devoted Dad of the twins, Cindy (Bill), and Bob (Ruth). Adored Grampa of Bobby, Paige, Brooke, Charles and Rebecca. Survived by his sister Pat Lee (Jim). He was very much loved and will be greatly missed by many. A private family service has already been held. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at the Extencicare, Haliburton for their care and compassion. If desired, donations to the Extencicare Proud Pioneers, Haliburton would be much appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



Card of thanks

With Sincere Thanks...

The Family of late Alan Mark wish to thank the volunteer drivers that drove Alan to and from his many appointments, Community Care Staff, Nurses, especially Flo for her dedication, Doctors, The Access Centre, our Neighbours for their many phone calls & cards; Apple Jacks for their hospitality, the Ambulance attendants for their help and assistance and lastly to Dwaine Lloyd and his staff at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for his expertise, sensitivity, warmth and understanding in carrying out Alan's final wishes.

We are truly blessed to live in such a caring, supportive Community,
Doris, Blackie
Wheeler & Family.



In memoriam

MATHEWS, Benjamin Daniel;
June 25, 1962-December 6, 1979

Beloved Son

It's not the tears that we shed at the time,
That tell our hearts are broken,
It's the silent tears in the after years,
When your precious name is spoken.
Time cannot stop the heartache,
Or even stop the tears,
Or take away the memories,
For someone we loved so dear.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
We'd give it all and more,
To see your loving face again,
Walking through our door.

Always remembered Dad and Mom

NORMA JANE BURK

December 19, 1941-December 6, 2003

Little did we know that morning that God

Was going to call you home.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone,

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,

Your love is still our guide.

Although we can not see you,

Your always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,

Nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again.

Still missing and loving you every day.

Love Neil, Andrea and Lee, Andrew and

Tracy, Anber-Lee and Chad and all the

Grandchildren.

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Absolutely stunning property! 257 ft ftge and 2.36 acres. Newly constructed 3800 sq. ft. of living space. Open concept, maple floors, walk out to deck and soak in the most amazing view! 2+3 bdrms, 3 baths, screen porch. Lower level would make a great granny flat.
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2 storey waterfront home situated on a level lot with 160 ft of sand shoreline. 4 bdrms, 2 baths, pine kitchen, dbl sided stone fireplace, large living area, cathedral ceilings. Dbl garage with loft.
\$559,000



HORSESHOE LAKE

Spacious home/cottage ideal for large family or people who like to entertain. Lg screen porch, dbl car garage, natural wood siding. Gorgeous sand shoreline. Large picture windows overlooking the lake. Near Minden & White Water Rapids.
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PERCY LAKE

4 bdrm newer constructed waterfront cottage or home. Southern exposure and big lake view. Rock and sand shoreline. Open concept living area, hardwood floors, full walkout basement. Hickory kitchen cabinetry, extensive decking, drilled well, septic and FAP heat.
\$460,000



DRAG LAKE - BONHAMS BAY

Spacious 7 bdrm cottage situated on a private, 3.76 acre lot with 374 ft of shoreline. Large living area, pine cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace and w/o's to 2 large decks. Full finished basement with large rec room.
\$449,000



KUSHOG LAKE

Immaculate 2 bedroom cottage situated on a double lot. These 2 separately deeded lots have nicely landscaped, nice clean shoreline. Open concept living area, tastefully decorated. Large master bedroom loft. Boasts loads of character.
\$379,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Renovated 3 bdrm cottage situated on a sunny level lot. Western exposure, big lake view, sandy shoreline. Insulated Bunkie, maple kitchen, 200 amp hydro, wrap around deck.
\$329,000



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\$309,000



GOODERHAM LAKE

Classic 3 bdrm cottage situated on its own island. Algonquin style lot, rock and sand shoreline. Open concept, cathedral ceilings, hardwood flrs, stone fireplace, septic, hydro and much more!
\$299,000



LOG CABIN

With post and beam and reclaimed brick. Character and quality assured! Charming kitchen with pine cabinetry, quaint livingroom, massive decking with stone fireplace and the MOST BREATHTAKING VIEW OF GULL LAKE!
\$299,000



CHALET-IN-THE WOODS

Live in town yet feel like you're in the country. Modern 3 bdrm, 3 bath home. Vaulted ceilings, wood floors, huge rec room, large picture windows, wrap around decks, detached garage, beautiful gardens, waterfalls, privacy plus. A MUST TO SEE!
\$294,900



ROSS LAKE

3BR on a private well treed lot, quiet spring fed, no motor lake. Open concept LR/KIT w/walkout to large wraparound deck. Cathedral ceilings. Bunkie for overflow guests! Shed for storage.
\$289,000



WONDERLAND ROAD

Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home 5 minutes from Haliburton. 3 baths, main flr indry, "Florida Room", lg family room, sewers, drilled well, paved drive, att'd dbl car garage. Nicely treed, private lot.
\$269,000



HALIBURTON HOME

3 bdrm ranch style bungalow situated on a 10 acre parcel providing ultimate privacy. 3 units are 1 bedroom, 4th unit is a 2 storey with 3 bedrooms. All units are self contained with many upgrades. Excellent books, units are easily rented. The grounds are immaculate with beautiful gardens, paved driveway and easy access of highway.
\$259,900



KOSHLONG LAKE

Traditional style cottage on Algonquin style lot. West exp & beautiful smooth rock shoreline, on a yr rnd rd. Wavy cedar wood siding, steel roof, 2 BR, 3 pce bath, screened porch, open concept living area. Large deck overlooks lake. This 3 season cottage is the perfect get-a-way.
\$249,000



TROOPER LAKE

Renov'd 3 BR cottage on pretty lot with good comfortable living area with woodstove for cozy warmth. Bright sunporch & beautiful stone patio/firepit at the front give lovely view. Good swimming off end of dock. Neat, clean & tidy... ready for you. Owner's care of this property really shows!
\$239,900



BUCKSKIN LAKE

Immaculate 3 bdrm cottage situated on a private lot with smooth rock shoreline. Open concept, sunroom, pine kitchen, 2 baths, garage/workshop and bathhouse. A MUST TO SEE!
\$234,500



HALIBURTON LAKE

3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size. Property size is 2 lots in total call for details.
\$224,900



HARMONY ROAD

Modern 3 bdrm home situated on level lot close to town. Enjoy the pretty view from picture windows or your private front deck. Sunken LR. Main flr laundry, att'd garage. Nice, bright & cheerful! FAP heat, central vac, CA & maintenance free siding.
\$215,900



PERCY LAKE

Nicely treed waterfront lot. Clean rock and sand shoreline. Pretty south facing view, driveway in and building site cleared. Year round road, hydro and telephone available. 107 ft ftge.
\$214,900



KNOB HILL COURT

This 2 + 2 bdrm home is located in an upscale neighbourhood in the Minden area. Master bdrm with sitting area, hwd flrs, vaulted cigs, lg picture windows, full fin bsmt, 2 baths, sunrm, single det'd garage, level lot, walk to amenities.
\$209,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Cute and cozy 3 bdrm cottage situated on the water's edge. Beautiful, clean shoreline, 3 pce bath, open concept, side patio with hot tub. Large dock, great view of the lake. Adjacent property also for sale.
\$199,900



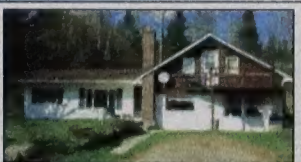
LOG HOME

2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage.
\$149,000



HIGHLAND ST-HALIBURTON

3BR home in the village. 4pc bath, closed in front porch, mn flr indry, walk to all amenities. Drilled well, town sewers. Great dbl lot w/good sized back yard.
\$139,500



HALIBURTON HOME - HWY 118

3 bedroom family home located close to town. Large eat in kitchen, separate dining area, 4 pce bath, main floor laundry. Nice back yard with firepit. Walk to town, close to Head Lake.
\$128,500



HALIBURTON HOME

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees. Huge garage and shed. Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace.
\$139,900



GELERT ROAD

Renovated 3 bedroom home. Nice and bright, neat and close. Located close to the town of Haliburton and nicely landscaped. Laminate floor, pine kitchen, sunroom and gazebo.
\$119,900



CARNARVON HOME-HWY 35

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This analysis will research the location, zoning market demands, site access,

topography and availability of utilities. Then you'll know the cost of transforming the land into saleable lots and you can compare this figure with the present market value of the total property as one unit.



IF YOUR HOME SITS on a large area of land, your may be wise to subdivide before you sell.